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5. [REDACTED] Delivered a bland letter to Representative Donald E. Lukens (R., Ohio) concerning his National Student Association inquiry. (See Journal for 20 June 1967.) Although he did not read the letter in my presence Mr. Lukens said Representative Bow told him to expect such a letter. Mr. Lukens was friendly and was resigned to this outcome but his spirit was not dampened as he referred to the possibility of similar inquiries from him in the future. Although obviously tired from his travels to Omaha for the Young Republicans Convention, Mr. Lukens was elated with being the first Congressman to be invited by the Israelis to visit Israel since the outbreak of the Middle East crisis. The trip is being financed by Israel.

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6. [REDACTED] Met briefly with Mr. Manuel Levine, Office of General Counsel, HEW, who along with members of the staffs of the House of Representatives Legislative Counsel and the Ways and Means Committee is drafting the Social Security Acts Amendment of 1967. Mr. Levine assured me that CIA Retirement Act is now included in Section 116 of the bill. In view of the hold down on Committee prints, I did not push for a copy at this time.

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7. [REDACTED] Met briefly with Mr. Ralph Devlin, House Committee on Post Office and Civil Service staff, to check on the progress of the minimum guarantee retirement proposals. Devlin said the Subcommittee is now working on the FEGLI amendments and felt that the Subcommittee would have to handle financing legislation as an integral part of and before the minimum guarantee proposal.

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8. [REDACTED] Talked with Senator John Stennis asking his advice on strategy on S.1035. It was his general view that we ought to see what happens in the Subcommittee and if we do not get satisfactory treatment he feels that the only appropriate person in the CIA Subcommittee structure would be Senator Russell himself.